

The Wilderness Ranger

~A Newsletter for Volunteers~

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Year-End Potluck for Volunteer Rangers

Who: Snoqualmie Ranger District volunteer rangers.

When: October 9th, 2004

Where: Snoqualmie Ranger District; North Bend, WA

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

What to Bring: Your favorite potluck dish & a plate.

Purpose: Share food and stories from the summer.

Celebrate another successful volunteer season. Thank you!

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Autumn has Arrived!

Successful Volunteer Season 2004! All of us at North Bend appreciate your contribution helping to maintain the beauty and integrity of our public lands. Volunteer participation this year was outstanding! Check out the graph of volunteer effort on the back page.

Season Wrap up. Come to the volunteer potluck in North Bend on October 9th. The last day to volunteer is Sunday, October 17th. Our volunteer coordinator will be gone after October 17th. Refer to the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie N.F. Web site for volunteer information. We look forward to welcoming you back next May. Spring is a great time to patrol low elevation trails, so don't hesitate to give us a call.

Winter Opportunities. Although the summer volunteer program is ending, winter recreation is just around the corner! Pat may need volunteers at the visitor center. Both Linda and Pat would definitely appreciate reports on snow and winter trail conditions.



Autumn color at Dutch Miller Gap.
Photo: Rob Lohr

Opportunities for Summer 2005.

We will need volunteer rangers in the Alpine Lakes, Norse Peak, & Clearwater Wilderness areas, staff at visitor centers, lookouts on Granite Mountain, and help with restoration and environmental education projects. Call in May if you are interested in the following training:

- Orienteering
- First Aid/CPR

Interested in Volunteering? Applications for new volunteers are available online (see below). New volunteers will be selected in May 2005. Please visit our Web site.

www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/volunteering/snrd_volunteer.shtml

Trail Talk: What is happening on Snoqualmie Ranger District?

2004 Accomplishments

- The North Bend trail crew, WTA, VOW, and Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club maintained 35 miles of trails on the South Fork Snoqualmie. Windfall and brush were removed and many tread and drainage structures maintained or constructed.
- Nearly 40 miles of trail were maintained in the Middle Fork by the crews above as well as Northwest Youth Corps and the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington.
- The CCC Trail to the Middle Fork Trailhead is nearing completion.
- Work has begun on the Middle Fork campground and nature trail.
- A dedication this spring celebrated the new Ira Spring Trail to Mason Lake and Bandera Mountain.

2005 Projects

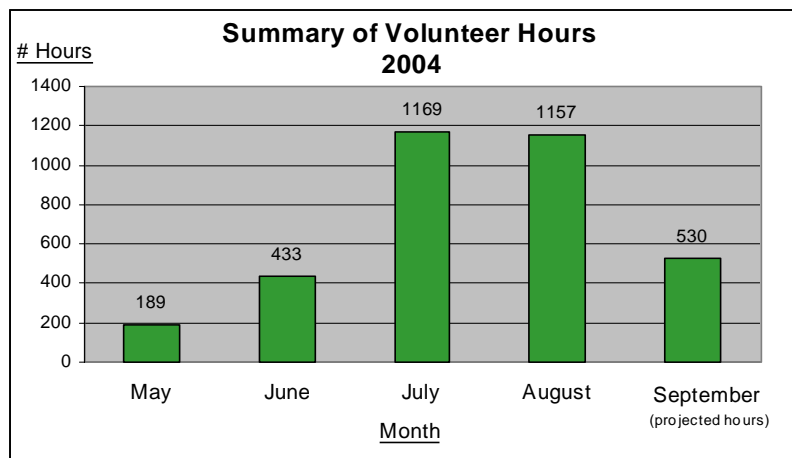
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- Grants were awarded to the Snoqualmie Ranger District to fund a 5 person trail crew and the volunteer ranger program next year.
- Reconstruction is expected to begin on McClellan Butte and Snoqualmie Lake trails.



Wilderness Rangers at the Snoqualmie Ranger Station. Front Row: Rob, Kelly, Hillary, Betsy, Pat. Back Row: Carla, Hans, Bobby, Bill, M.J., Ryan, Kyle, and Alyssa. Photo: Rob Lohr

- Participation in TrailsFest.
- New interpretive materials and facilities will be completed on the Asahel Curtis Nature Trail with help from the Mountaineers Naturalists.



Graph of 2004 Volunteer Hours: May—September. Includes volunteer rangers, SCA interns, Mountaineers Naturalists, Snoqualmie Valley Trails Club, and Snoqualmie Pass Visitor Center.

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See you on the trail!